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How To Line Up Your Fourth Putt

OK. This method never fails. (Provided your third putt left you no more than 6 feet from the cup.)

1. Grab your putter.
2. Walk once slowly around the perimeter of the green mumbling the word “POO-POO-KAH-KAH” over and over, holding your club at arm’s length in front of you.

This is the beginning of the ceremony.



3. Stop and button your collar all the way to the neck.
4. Stand over the ball and look up at the sky. Raise your putter into the air with both hands and say, “This, by God, is it!”
5. Slowly look down at your ball. It will have moved to about two feet from the hole!
6. Remember all the things you did wrong in life, keeping your chin on your breastplate.
7. Say “POO-POO-KAH-KAH” tightly one more time. Your ball will now be about one foot from the hole.
8. Step back, breathe deeply and drop to your knees, “reading” the green intensely. Quietly and gently say “shit.”



9. Stand up! Throw your putter down and violently tear open the Velcro seal on your golf glove! Heave the glove into the nearest bunker. You will feel a serenity like none you've ever known.
10. Your ball will now be 7 inches from the cup.
11. Now nestle that putter into your left hand, forming a "V" where your thumb and index finger collide. Imagine a long sharp stake running from the ball, through the clubhead, past the elbow, into the heart and finally piercing the brain. That's it! This is the real beginning of the stroke itself, when ball, club, hands, heart and brain are all connected by a long, sharp stake.
12. Cover your left hand by wrapping it with your right hand from the opposite side.
13. You should now be breathing heavily and whispering "POO-POO-KAH-KAH" softly but quickly. Your ball will be two inches from the cup.
14. Putt the damned thing in! If you miss, say "POO-POO-KAH-KAH" one more time.

CHAPTER 2

How To Hit A “Dunlop 2” From The Rough On Your Second Shot, When You Hit A “Titleist 1” From The Tee

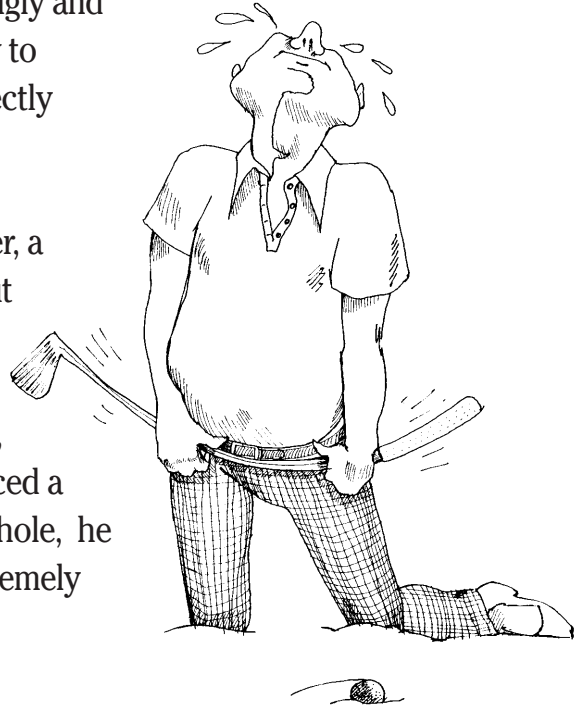
To accomplish this without being penalized, you need “Drop Pocket Golf Slacks.” (See Chapter 10.) Basically, you feign an intense search for the lost Titleist, then drop the Dunlop silently using your new slacks. Simultaneously yell, “I found it!”

The key here is that you must be sure *nobody* knows what you actually hit on the tee. Be sure to tee your ball so that identifying marks, labels, numbers and logos are *all on the bottom of the ball*.

Crying And How To Handle It

It is hard to maintain the proper attitude in the game of golf, to have a sense of humor. It is easy, once you are “hooked,” to believe that you are better than you are, that the shanked 4-iron was an aberration. Getting mad, while ugly and unpleasant for your partner, is easy to understand. Indeed, crying is perfectly reasonable.

But it doesn't help your game. Peter, a great athlete and a rational man, put this all in perspective. His friend Jeffery was convinced that he was finally “getting” this game, so when, in the 8th Bogey Four Open, Jeff sliced a drive into the water on the second hole, he was indignant, visibly agitated, extremely unfriendly. He was crying.



As they left the tee, Peter walked with Jeffery and asked him if he considered himself a good golfer. Jeffery stammered, “Naw, not really, well, of course not.” and Peter simply asked: “Then what are you so pissed off about?”